

**COUNTY COUNCIL OF FREDERICK COUNTY  
MEETING MINUTES  
Tuesday, October 5, 2021**

Council Members M.C. Keegan-Ayer, President; Michael Blue, Vice-President, Jerry Donald, Kai Hagen, Jessica Fitzwater, Phil Dacey and Steve McKay were present for the meeting.

Also present were Catherine Keller, Assistant County Attorney; Sarah Ambrosio, Recording Secretary; and Nancy Luna, Executive Assistant, County Council.

Council President M.C. Keegan-Ayer called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m. virtually.

**Opening Statement from Council President M.C. Keegan-Ayer**

Council President M.C. Keegan-Ayer provided an opening statement at the start of the meeting. Included in that statement was a welcoming to the Legislative meeting for Tuesday, October 5, 2021 and information on how to watch and participate in the meeting. President Keegan-Ayer called roll and a quorum was established for the meeting.

The meeting began with a moment of silence followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Action on the Agenda**

*Council Member Michael Blue moved to approve the agenda as presented. Council Member Jessica Fitzwater seconded the motion that passed 7-0.*

Council Members	Aye	Nay	Absent/ Abstain/ Present
District 1 – Donald	X		
District 2 – McKay	X		
District 4 – Fitzwater	X		
District 5 – Blue	X		
At-large – Dacey	X		
At-large – Hagen	X		
Presiding Officer – Keegan-Ayer	X		

**Public Comment was heard from:**

- Carol Anton
- Mike Morris
- Yewande Oladeinde
- Lakshmi Darbha

**Business Items:**

**Budget Adjustments**

- J-22-071 – Frederick County Development Center, Health Services Division

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*Council Member Steve McKay moved to approve Budget Adjustment J-22-071 as presented. Council Member Michael Blue seconded the motion that passed 7-0.*

Council Members	Aye	Nay	Absent/ Abstain/ Present
District 1 – Donald	X		
District 2 – McKay	X		
District 4 – Fitzwater	X		
District 5 – Blue	X		
At-large – Dacey	X		
At-large – Hagen	X		
Presiding Officer – Keegan-Ayer	X		

**Approval of Minutes from September 21, and September 28, 2021.**

*Council Member Jerry Donald moved to approve the minutes from September 21, and September 28, 2021, as presented. Council Member Jessica Fitzwater seconded the motion that passed 7-0.*

Council Members	Aye	Nay	Absent/ Abstain/ Present
District 1 – Donald	X		
District 2 – McKay	X		
District 4 – Fitzwater	X		
District 5 – Blue	X		
At-large – Dacey	X		
At-large – Hagen	X		
Presiding Officer – Keegan-Ayer	X		

**Confirmation of County Executive's Appointments to the Frederick County Boards and Commissions**

Joyce Grossnickle, Administrative Officer, briefed the Council on the Confirmation of County Executive's Appointments to Boards and Commissions.

**Adult Public Guardianship Review Board**

*Council Member Jessica Fitzwater moved to confirm the appointments of Sarah Hooper, Marcy Gouge and Sandra Wastler, (Senior Services Advisory Board Representative) to the Adult Public Guardianship Review Board to terms as presented by staff. Council Member Kai Hagen seconded the motion that passed 7-0.*

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Council Members	Aye	Nay	Absent/ Abstain/ Present
District 1 – Donald	X		
District 2 – McKay	X		
District 4 – Fitzwater	X		
District 5 – Blue	X		
At-large – Dacey	X		
At-large – Hagen	X		
Presiding Officer – Keegan-Ayer	X		

**Commission for Women**

*Council Member Jessica Fitzwater moved to confirm the appointments of Melissa Atherholt, Dr. Lakshmi Darbha, and Valerie Dougherty to the Commission for Women to terms as presented by staff. Council Member Jerry Donald seconded the motion that passed 7-0.*

Council Members	Aye	Nay	Absent/ Abstain/ Present
District 1 – Donald	X		
District 2 – McKay	X		
District 4 – Fitzwater	X		
District 5 – Blue	X		
At-large – Dacey	X		
At-large – Hagen	X		
Presiding Officer – Keegan-Ayer	X		

**Transfer Part of Irishtown Road to the Town of Emmitsburg**

David Olney, Traffic and Permit Supervisor, Department of Engineering & Construction Management, Public Works Division, provided information to the Council on Transferring Part of Irishtown Road to the Town of Emmitsburg.

*Council Member Michael Blue moved authorize the County Executive to execute a quitclaim deed that transfers to the Town a portion of Irishtown Road beginning at North Seton Avenue and ending at the northern edge of the Brookfield property, adjacent to Irishtown Road. Council Member Steve McKay seconded the motion that passed 7-0.*

Council Members	Aye	Nay	Absent/ Abstain/ Present
District 1 – Donald	X		
District 2 – McKay	X		
District 4 – Fitzwater	X		
District 5 – Blue	X		

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At-large – Dacey	X		
At-large – Hagen	X		
Presiding Officer – Keegan-Ayer	X		

**Public Hearing on the Budget Journal and Budget Ordinance Amendment to Establish a New Capital Project**

Rick Harcum, Chief Administrative Officer, County Executive's Office, and Kelly Weaver, Budget Director, Budget Office, provided information on the Budget Journal and Budget Ordinance Amendment to Establish a New Capital Project.

Public Comment was heard from:

- Brent Simmons
- Julianna Lufkin

Council Members discussed the Budget Journal and Budget Ordinance Amendment to Establish a New Capital Project. Council Members agreed, by show of hands, (6-1, Council Vice President Michael Blue opposed) to hold the vote on this item until October 12, 2021. It was also unanimously agreed, by show of hands, to keep the Public Record open until 5:00 p.m. on Friday, October 8, 2021.

**Finalization of Council Related Initiatives for 2022 Legislative Package**

*Council Member Jessica Fitzwater moved to add the Position Statement – Climate Solutions Now Act to move forward for consideration by the County Executive for inclusion in the 2022 Frederick County Legislative Package. Council Member Kai Hagen seconded the motion that passed 4-3.*

Council Members	Aye	Nay	Absent/ Abstain/ Present
District 1 – Donald	X		
District 2 – McKay		X	
District 4 – Fitzwater	X		
District 5 – Blue		X	
At-large – Dacey		X	
At-large – Hagen	X		
Presiding Officer – Keegan-Ayer	X		

**First Reading Calendar**

**Proposed Bill – Frederick County Real Property Tax Credit**

Council Member Michael Blue, on behalf of Administration, presented information to the Council on the Proposed Bill – Frederick County Real Property Tax Credit.

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**Public Comment was heard from:**

- None

**Council Member Comments:**

Council Member comments were provided.

**Adjourn**

The meeting adjourned at 6:40 p.m.

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M.C. Keegan-Ayer, President  
County Council